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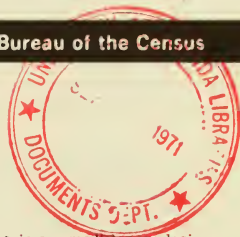
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Shipping Weight and Value; Customs District and Continent



This report presents statistics on U.S. exports and imports by air in U.S. customs district-by-continent arrangement. Data have been compiled from Shipper's Export Declarations (Commerce Form 7525-V) and import entries during the regular processing of statistical data on foreign trade shipments. The customs districts shown in this report are those having combined exports and imports by air valued at \$2 million or more during the preceding calendar year. A complete list of customs districts and ports is presented in Schedule D, Classification of U.S. Customs Districts and Ports for U.S. Foreign Trade Statistics, January 1, 1970 edition, as amended.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government and nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

For security reasons, certain commodities are designated as Special Category commodities, for which security regulations place restrictions upon the export information that may be released. The data shown in this report for individual customs districts and continents exclude exports of Special Category commodities, but overall shipping weight and value totals for Special Category commodities are shown. A list of Special Category commodities may be obtained from the Bureau of the Census.

Effective September 1970, sampling procedures have been reinstituted for estimating data on shipments valued \$251-\$499 to countries other than Canada. (Data for such shipments were fully compiled during January-August 1970, but sampling procedures were in effect for these shipments during October-December 1969 and for shipments valued \$100-\$499 prior to October 1969.) Therefore, effective September 1970, the statistics on exports of domestic and foreign merchandise to countries other than Canada reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$499, based on a 50-percent probability sample of such shipments. For exports to Canada there has been no change in compiling procedures and the statistics continue to reflect fully compiled data for shipments valued \$2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued \$251-\$1,999, based on a 10-percent probability sample of such shipments. Shipping weight and value data are also estimated for shipments valued under \$251. These estimates are not included in the data shown for individual customs districts.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. The following is a rough guide to the general level of sampling variability of value totals, on a 2 chances out of 3 basis. Usually, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors.

Value totals for "Total" and "North America" of--	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of--			
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%
\$1,000,000 and over	.60	.75	.85	1.00
\$500,000-\$1,000,000	.20	1.00		
\$100,000-\$500,000	.30	.45	.70	1.00
\$20,000-\$100,000		.35	.70	1.00
Cells of under \$20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from \$3,000 to \$15,000			

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of--	Are likely to have sampling variability of--			
\$300,000 and over	Less than 2%			
\$100,000-\$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%			
\$20,000-\$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%			
Under \$20,000	Generally \$500 to \$5,000			
Cells of \$0	Generally less than \$500			

The sampling variability of shipping weight figures, in percentage terms, can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports, which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption

and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the U.S. Armed Forces for their own use are excluded. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and with U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be U.S. imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise that has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The statistics shown for individual customs districts represent fully compiled data for shipments valued \$251 and over. Data for shipments valued under \$251, reported on formal and informal entries (informal entries generally contain items valued under \$251), are estimated from a 1-percent sample. Separate shipping weight and value estimates for shipments valued under \$251 are shown. The shipping weight data are estimated from the values on the basis of constants that have been derived from an observation of the value-weight relationships in past periods.

Since the statistics showing total value of imports by all carriers include sample estimates, they are subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Value totals of \$500,000 and over will generally have a sampling variability of less than 3 percent; value totals of under \$500,000 will generally have a sampling variability of less than \$50,000.

Table 1. Selected Customs Districts of Lading by Continent

(Data shown represent domestic and foreign merchandise. Shipments of Special Category commodities are excluded from all district and continent data. Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total			All carriers			Total			All carriers		
	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	U.S. flag carriers	North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania
Total, all carriers...	68,556	18,042	7,824	30,867	8,296	1,439	1,550	72,616	33,698	294,347	90,069	12,043
U.S. flag carriers...	(X)	24,008	2,264	10,120	3,370	387	302	(X)	30,774	115,203	37,967	3,075
St. Albans, Vt.....	12	12	-	(Z)	-	-	-	60	54	6	213	224
Boston, Mass.....	2,066	350	(Z)	1,657	15	19	24	28,942	1,836	34,369	6	137
Buffalo, N.Y.....	235	235	-	-	-	-	-	1,509	1,488	21	32,139	2,544
New York City, N.Y.....	28,441	2,682	1,838	19,326	3,531	182	882	254,586	15,575	184,158	2,197	7,291
Philadelphia, Pa.....	475	242	111	264	85	(Z)	14	3,744	314	5	1,036	3
Baltimore, Md.....	63	42	-	6	15	(Z)	(Z)	469	104	-	340	1
Savannah, Ga.....	336	234	1	94	6	-	1	583	72	-	363	17
New Orleans, La.....	301	281	20	-	(Z)	-	(Z)	990	134	656	6	1
Laredo, Tex.....	294	282	11	-	-	-	-	709	264	710	23	-
El Paso, Tex.....	163	163	-	-	-	-	-	785	785	-	-	-
Nogales, Ariz.....	30	29	(Z)	-	-	-	-	106	41	105	1	-
Los Angeles, Calif.....	4,074	913	153	1,301	1,295	381	31	52,420	19,958	1,752	20,054	495
San Francisco, Calif.....	2,422	1,311	212	77	1,361	411	7	31,245	1,297	287	3,916	5,041
Portland, Ore.....	52	12	39	(Z)	(Z)	-	1	241	71	-	151	19
Seattle, Wash.....	784	243	3	107	406	(Z)	24	10,907	2,724	38	1,695	156
Anchorage, Alaska.....	61	49	4	9	-	-	-	290	6	98	143	-
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	173	106	24	2	75	72	-	1,448	1,143	42	40	-
Great Falls, Mont.....	17	17	-	-	-	-	-	428	428	-	-	-
Pembina, N. Dak.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Minneapolis, Minn.....	120	107	-	13	1	-	-	1,154	808	-	342	-
Duluth, Minn.....	7	7	-	-	(Z)	-	-	54	40	-	15	-
Detroit, Mich.....	922	194	13	685	8	5	17	6,039	1,699	20	4,041	49
Chicago, Ill.....	5,414	1,505	6	3,370	425	2	106	42,292	18,101	34	28,344	114
Cleveland, Ohio.....	329	260	-	68	2	-	-	1,753	1,516	230	8	-
St. Louis, Mo.....	22	2	-	20	-	-	-	766	15	-	752	-
Indianapolis, Ind.....	887	754	124	9	(Z)	(Z)	-	3,157	1,272	-	1,885	-
Kansas City, Mo.....	10	5	4	150	(Z)	-	-	11,016	12,967	1,234	430	49
Houston, Tex.....	329	231	33	180	82	-	184	5,020	1,095	1,357	743	56
Washington, D.C.....	346	336	302	7	-	-	(Z)	5,704	4	220	5,365	1,167
All other districts....	72	27	5	36	3	1	1	887	249	18	205	78
Shipments under \$251....	(NA)	3,894	756	2,468	936	365	254	(NA)	7,278	1,574	6,890	896
Special Category.....	538	278	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	8,330	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)

- Represents zero.

D Data withheld to avoid disclosure of information for security reasons.

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Table 2. Selected Customs Districts of Unloading by Continent

(Estimated shipments valued under \$251 are excluded from all district data and data for U.S. flag carriers. Total columns include a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent)

Customs district	Shipping weight (1,000 pounds)						Value (1,000 dollars)					
	Total			North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total		
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	(X)							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers	(X)
Total, all carriers...	59,018	26,921	(X)	7,433	5,610	32,546	12,718	379	252	316,256	152,158	(X)
U.S. flag carriers....	(X)			3,154	2,613	13,690	7,070	126	67	106	98	
St. Albans, Vt.....	16	15		9		7				106	98	
Boston, Mass.....	2,102	964		201	4	1,857	20	8	12	9,063	4,554	
Buffalo, N.Y.....	90	83		83		7			(Z)	1,414	1,288	
New York City, N.Y....	28,401	13,091		704	1,597	22,188	3,696	96	121	169,461	72,197	
Philadelphia, Pa.....	509	304		1	(Z)	495		(Z)	6	7,765	6,076	
Baltimore, Md.....	99	86		14		70		4	10	710	695	
Savannah, Ga.....	113	141		51		132				296	135	
New Orleans, La.....	343	90		336	2	4				351	117	
Laredo, Tex.....	124	110		118		1				344	220	
El Paso, Tex.....	6	6				(Z)				307	302	
Nogales, Ariz.....	(Z)			(Z)						2		
Los Angeles, Calif....	4,440	2,090		240	49	794	3,270	71	17	35,620	16,651	
San Francisco, Calif....	3,832	2,897		27	23	208	3,527	46	2	29,923	21,180	
Portland, Oreg.....	8	8		4		1		(Z)		53	30	
Seattle, Wash.....	520	432		79		116	326			4,098	3,169	
Anchorage, Alaska.....	9	3		3		6				88	3	
Honolulu, Hawaii.....	150	65		19		4	101	25		782	301	
Great Falls, Mont.....	13	10		13			(Z)			232	177	
Pembina, N. Dak.....	21	17		12						169	145	
Minneapolis, Minn.....	33	29		4		23	6	(Z)		321	269	
Duluth, Minn.....	2	2		2						35	35	
Detroit, Mich.....	664	583		167		482	13			3,063	2,249	
Chicago, Ill.....	2,783	1,163		301	25	2,137	305	1	14	23,246	11,031	
Cleveland, Ohio.....	102	9		50		50	2			721	365	
St. Louis, Mo.....	9	7		2			(Z)			84	78	
San Juan, P.R.....	1,447	341		1,052		120			(Z)	2,925	477	
San Francisco, Calif....	6,720	3,696		3,953	3,425	189	13			9,125	5,073	
Houston, Tex.....	3,370	210		183	2	175	8		3	3,355	760	
Washington, D.C.....	463	442		2	1	455	4			3,612	3,470	
All other districts....	105	65		5		99	1			2,538	1,278	
Shipments under \$251...	5,443	5,443		639	227	2,909	1,395	131	64	6,638	6,638	

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Z Less than 500 pounds or \$500.

Value (1,000 dollars)